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### **FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED FOR ASSAULTING** **FLIGHT ATTENDANT ON MANCHESTER BOUND FLIGHT**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent In Charge of the Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser, Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration Security Director Raymond A. Carolan, and Rockingham County Sheriff Daniel Linehan, report that 41-year-old Roger Dare Slaalien, Jr., of Longwood, Florida was sentenced today to six months of home confinement and a \$10,000 fine for assaulting a Southwest Airlines flight attendant in August 2004.

In June 2005, Slaalien pled guilty to two counts of simple assault for grabbing a flight attendant's buttocks and touching her leg in an offensive manner on a Southwest Airlines flight from Orlando, Florida to Manchester on August 18, 2004. No passengers or flight crew members were injured in the incident. Slaalien was arrested by FBI agents, TSA agents, and Rockingham County Sheriff's Deputies at the Manchester Airport upon the plane's arrival.

Today, United States District Court Chief Judge Steven J. McAuliffe sentenced Slaalien to serve two years of probation. As a condition of his probation, Slaalien was ordered to serve six months of home confinement. During his home confinement period, Slaalien will have to wear an electronic ankle bracelet and his activities will be monitored by United States probation officers. Slaalien was also fined \$10,000, the maximum fine available under law, which he was ordered to pay immediately.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono said, "Disruptive conduct on an aircraft endangers the lives of passengers and crew members. The United States Attorney's Office will aggressively prosecute anyone who creates a disturbance on a plane and who compromises the ability of the crew to attend to the safety and welfare of the other passengers. The sentence in this case reflects that commitment."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.